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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

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1. FOLLOWING IS DRAFT LIST OF SPECIFIC GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR US AMBASSADOR TO AFGHANISTAN. REQUEST YOUR SUGGESTED COMMENTS AND CHANGES BY SEPTEMBER 6. AMBASSADOR ELIOT HAS BEEN INFORMED OF THIS PROJECT AND WE WILL DISCUSS LIST WITH HIM IN DETAIL AS SOON AS YOUR COMMENTS RECEIVED.

2. A DRAFT LIST FOLLOWS:

QUOTE:

GOALS AND TASKS FOR THE UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO AFGHANISTAN

I. TO COORDINATE AND DIRECT ALL US ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS (AID, PEACE CORPS, PL-480, MAP) AND MAKE SURE THEY FOSTER
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THE INDEPENDENCE, NON-ALIGNMENT AND THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF AFGHANISTAN. SPECIFICALLY THE AMBASSADOR SHOULD ENSURE THAT

--USAID PROGRAMS EFFECTIVELY IMPROVE THE LOT OF THE U RURAL POOR BY INCREASING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIVITY, UPGRADING HEALTH SERVICES AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES.

-- PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS ARE ASSIGNED TO RURAL AREAS IN PROJECTS WHICH WILL ALSO BRING ECONOMIC, MEDICAL OR EDUCATIONAL ADVANTAGES TO THE RURAL POOR.

-- EXCHANGE PROGRAMS ARE FOCUSED ON LEADERS AND PROJECTS WHICH AIM AT INSTITUTION BUILDING AND MANAGEMENT.

II. USE ALL AVAILABLE MEANS TO SUPPORT AFGHAN AND INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO CONTROL AND EVENTUALLY ELIMINATE OPIUM CULTIVATION AND TRAFFICKING.

-- STRENGTHEN THE ROLE OF THE NEWLY FORMED JOINT COMMISSION ON NARCOTICS BY INCREASING ITS MEMBERSHIP AND ITS MANDATE.

-- WORKING WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE JOINT COMMISSION TO HELP DEVELOP, COORDINATE AND IMPLEMENT RESPONSIBLE CROP SUBSTITUTION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS WHICH WILL ENABLE THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT TO MOVE FORCEFULLY AGAINST OPIUM CULTIVATORS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

-- PLAN MULTILATERAL PROGRAMS AND IMPLEMENT DIRECT BILATERAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES TO HELP MAKE NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING DANGEROUS AND UNPROFITABLE.

-- DEVELOP MEANS TO OBTAIN MORE RELIABLE INTELLIGENCE ON CONFIDENTIAL

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OPIUM CULTIVATION AND TRAFFICKING.

III. SUPPORT RECENT TRENDS TO IMPROVE HUMAN RIGHTS CONDITIONS.

-- ENCOURAGE AFGHAN EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT FULLY THE NEW CONSTITUTION, PARTICULARLY THOSE PROVISIONS GUARANTEEING HUMAN RIGHTS.

-- EXPRESS FREQUENTLY AT HIGH LEVELS THIS ADMINISTRATION'S POSITION ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES. THE GOA SHOULD CLEARLY UNDERSTAND THAT THE USG TAKES HUMAN RIGHTS CONDITIONS INTO ACCOUNT WHEN CONSIDERING BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS.

IV. SUPPORT REGIONAL COOPERATION.

-- ENCOURAGE BETTER RELATIONS BETWEEN AFGHANISTAN AND IRAN.

-- DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO DEFUSE TENSION OVER THE DURAND LINE AND PROMOTE FRIENDSHIP, COOPERATION AND TRADE BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND AFGHANISTAN.

-- ENCOURAGE AFGHANISTAN TO IMPROVE ITS RELATIONS WITH
SAUDI ARABIA, KUWAIT AND THE PERSIAN GULF SHEIKDOMS.

V. PROMOTE INCREASED US/AFGHAN COMMERCIAL RELATIONSHIPS

-- ENCOURAGE THE GOA TO ADOPT POLICIES WHICH WILL LEAD TO
AN EXPANSION OF US TRADE AND US PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPA-
TION IN AFGHAN DEVELOPMENT.

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-- NEGOTIATE A BILATERAL CONSULAR CONVENTION. END QUOTE.

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